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GENERAL INSURANCE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1962/63

SCOPE

This summary of General Insurance Statistics is compiled from returns furnished by 176 insurance companies operating or licensed to operate within South Australia. Although these statistics are presented as representing commonly accepted financial years, e.g. 1962/63, they are aggregates of transactions reported by companies for their relevant financial years closing on various dates from 1st July to 30th June inclusive.

DEFINITIONS

The statistics in the following tables conform substantially to the definitions stated below and should be interpreted accordingly -

- (i) Premiums represent the full amount receivable in respect of policies issued and renewed in the year, less returns, rebates and bonuses paid or credited to policy holders in the year. They are not adjusted to provide for premiums unearned at the end of the year, consequently the amounts shown differ from "earned premium income" appropriate to the year. When figures are increasing, as in recent years, premiums receivable (as shown in the statistics) are greater than "earned premium income" appropriate to the year. The converse applies when figures are declining.
- (ii) Claims include provision for outstanding claims, and represent claims or losses incurred in the year.
- (iii) Contributions to Fire Brigades, Commission and Agents' Charges, and Expenses of Management mainly represent charges paid in the year.
- (iv) Taxation includes Income Tax, Payroll Tax, Licence Fees and Stamp Duty, and mainly represents payments made in the year. Amounts included for income tax are based on income of earlier years.

The tables contain selected items of statistics and are not construable as "profit and loss" statements or "revenue accounts".

GENERAL INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS

Total premiums receivable, claims, etc. yearly from 1953/54 to 1962/63 for all classes of general insurances were as follows:-

TABLE 1 - GENERAL INSURANCE : TOTAL BUSINESS TRANSACTED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

			Claims and Expenses						
Year	Premiums Receivable	Interest, Dividends Rents etc.	Claims	Contri- bution to Fire Brigades	Commis- sion & Agents' Charges	Expenses of Manage- ment	Tax- ation	Total	
	€'000								
1953/54 1954/55 1955/56 1956/57 1957/58 1958/59 1959/60 1960/61 1961/62 1962/63	8,040 9,115 10,244 11,836 12,209 12,990 13,836 15,979 16,671 18,475	42 46 51 82 119 122 152 203 199 274	4,835 6,403 5,441 6,208 5,898 6,639 7,127 8,342 8,414 9,662	180 181 188 208 215 215 231 255 268 294	1,039 1,224 1,445 1,612 1,530 1,615 1,677 1,903 1,900 2,125	1,466 1,602 1,851 2,122 2,403 2,586 2,750 3,152 3,434 3,552	315 215 335 378 487 511 454 552 597 558	7,835 9,625 9,260 10,528 10,533 11,566 12,239 14,204 14,613 16,191	

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A comparison of premiums and claims for each class of insurance in each of the last four years is as follows :—

TABLE 2 - GENERAL INSURANCE : PREMIUMS AND CLAIMS (a), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

and the second	Class of	Premiums				Claims				
Group	Insurance	1959/60	1960/61	1961/62	1962/63	1959/60	1960/61	1961/62	1962/63	
		£1000				€,000				
A .	Fire Householders' Comprehensive Sprinkler Leakage Loss of Profits Hailstone	2,301	2,704	2,692	3,101	554	674	694	638	
		1,163	1,320	1,442	1,565	227	240	275	401	
		3 237 34	5 263 160	6 281 111	285 114	52 32	1 4 41	2 56 16	1 12 34	
В	Marine	578	613	586	671	238	206	198	214	
C	Motor Vehicle " Cycle " Compulsory	4,276 34	4,986	4,841 37	5,193 25	2,500	3,075 17	2,889 14	3,359 14	
	Third Party	1,690	1,891	2,422	2,663	1,453	1,750	1,792	2,152	
D	Employers') Liability (b)) Seamen's) Compensation)	1,877	2,274	2,386	2,705	1,389	1,620	1,706	1,893	
E	Personal Accident	751	772	838	945	295	327	360	400	
F	Public Risk Third Party General Property Plate Glass Boiler Livestock Burglary Guarantee Pluvius Aviation All Risks Television Other	209 27 45 5 39 158 24 10 20 75 128 152	242 35 48 5 40 197 35 12 22 86 110 127	37 52 6 47 213 33 11 24	229 35 11 37 118 111	97 15 26 - 19 54 2 14 23 30 16 81	75 15 28 1 22 84 2 13 8 42 53 44	103 13 32 2 18 82 2 3 5 53 65 34	106 28 39 3 25 88 7 5 19 53 85 86	
	Total	13,836	15,979	16,671	18,475	7,127	8,342	8,414	9,662	

⁽a) Amounts of less than £500 are shown "-"; amounts which are nil are so shown.

⁽b) Includes Workmens' Compensation.

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Particulars of commission and agents' charges and expenses of management in each of the last five years are shown in Table 3. These items are distributed over the six groups of insurance indicated in Table 2 in accordance with an allocation made by the insurance companies. The contribution to fire brigades is based on the fire risks content of premiums.

TABLE 3 - GENERAL INSURANCE:
COMMISSION AND AGENTS' CHARGES, EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

	Class of Insurance (a)										
	A	В	C	D	E	F					
Year	Fire, House- Holders' Comprehens- ive, etc.	Marine	Motor Vehicles	Workers' Compen- sation	Personal Accident	Other	Total				
COMMISSION AND AGENTS' CHARGES (£'000)											
1958/59 1959/60 1960/61 1961/62 1962/63	586 576 683 683 738	39 41 47 48 53	645 673 751 726 814	150 164 187 190 209	105 129 117 123 148	90 94 118 130 163	1,615 1,677 1,903 1,900 2,125				
EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT (£¹000)											
1958/59 1959/60 1960/61 1961/62 1962/63	844 879 991 1,035 1,048	96 101 111 116 117	1,002 1,049 1,230 1,365 1,413	332 346 406 456 492	170 187 206 227 222	142 188 208 235 260	2,586 2,750 3,152 3,434 3,552				
	TAXATION CHARGES (£1000)										
1958/59 1959/60 1960/61 1961/62 1962/63	220 166 211 208 182	39 30 44 41 35	170 159 177 204 211	38 35 61 70 61	28 33 35 43 37	16 31 24 31 32	511 454 552 597 558				

⁽a) Groups as in Table 2.

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